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Microsoft Settlement  
U.S. Department of Justice-Antitrust Division  
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Dear Microsoft Settlement:

The Microsoft trial squandered taxpayers' dollars, was a nuisance to consumers, and a serious deterrent to investors in the high-tech industry. It is high time for this trial, and the wasteful spending accompanying it, to be over. Consumers will indeed see competition in the marketplace, rather than the courtroom. And the investors who propel our economy can finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Upwards of 60% of Americans thought the federal government should not have broken up Microsoft. If the case is finally over, companies like Microsoft can get back into the business of innovating and creating better products for consumers, and not wasting valuable resources on litigation.

Competition means creating better goods and offering superior services to consumers. With government out of the business of stifling progress and tying the hands of corporations, consumers - rather than bureaucrats and judges - will once again pick the winners and losers on Wall Street. With the reins off the high-tech industry, more entrepreneurs will be encouraged to create new and competitive products and technologies.

I saw how the government wasted millions of tax payers money going after IBM and after 10 years proved nothing. IBM finally was de-throned by the market place.

Please let Microsoft do what it does best - create some really useful and affordable software for everyone.

This litigation has cost me not only the wasted tax dollars but also thousands of dollars in lost money in my 401k plan.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my views.

Sincerely,

Anthony L. Gabriele